

**Pascagoula Public Library  
Local History & Genealogical Dept.  
Mercer Family**

On Saturday last, Miss Merce, about 14 years old, a daughter of our esteemed fellow citizen and one of our leading merchants, Mr. J. E. SARRAZIN, died of Yellow fever at her father's residence, between Scranton and the seashore. "Swiftly flies the feathered dart" now among us, and the shaft strikes here and there and when least expected. Blooming youth and beauty, and vigorous manhood as well as hoary age, succumb in turn to the King of terrors. Amiable, lovely and accomplished, she leaves an aching void in the hearts of a large circle of relatives and friends who mourn her departure and will ever cherish her memory.

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Richard Dana Hamly  
7655 Hooes Road  
Springfield, Virginia. 22152-3701  
(703) 866-9527  
April 12, 1994

Genealogy and Local History Section  
Pascagoula Public Library  
3214 Pascagoula St  
Pascagoula, Miss. 39567

Dear Sir or Ma'am,

One of my family members, John M. Mercer, a Confederate soldier, died during the Civil War at the Moss Point Hospital, according to his service record, on Aug 23, 1863. The context of the record indicates that the Moss Point Hospital was somewhere near Mobile. The record is very difficult to read and I may not have the name of the hospital correct. The name of the hospital is something like "Moss Point".

I wonder if you could tell me where it was located? Is there a graveyard where it's dead were buried? Is there another library or individual that might have more material on it that I should consult?

Thanks very much for all of your help. I have enclosed a return envelope.

Sincerely,

  
Dick Hamly

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## Jackson-George Regional Library System

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PASCAGOULA PUBLIC LIBRARY  
3214 Pascagoula Street  
PASCAGOULA, MISSISSIPPI  
39567  
(601) 769-3059

April 25, 1994.

Capt. Richard Hamly  
7655 Hooes Rd.  
Springfield, VA 22152

Dear Capt. Hamly:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of April 12, 1994 regarding a hospital at Moss Point, MS during the Civil War.

I can find no information in any of my references to a hospital at Moss Point. I do know that there was one in the area near the beach in what is now Pascagoula and that there are said to be some unmarked graves in the area.

Very little has been published on operations in this area or on the battle of Pascagoula. Roger B. Hansen, 6300 Tolar Road, Pascagoula, MS 39567, telephone 601-588-3005 is an authority on the Civil War history and operations in this area. I suggest that you write or call him as I feel he will know the answer.

If we can be of any further service, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Jean Strickland  
Genealogy & Local History Dept.

Jane Colvin Bryan  
Director

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Pascagoula, MS 39567

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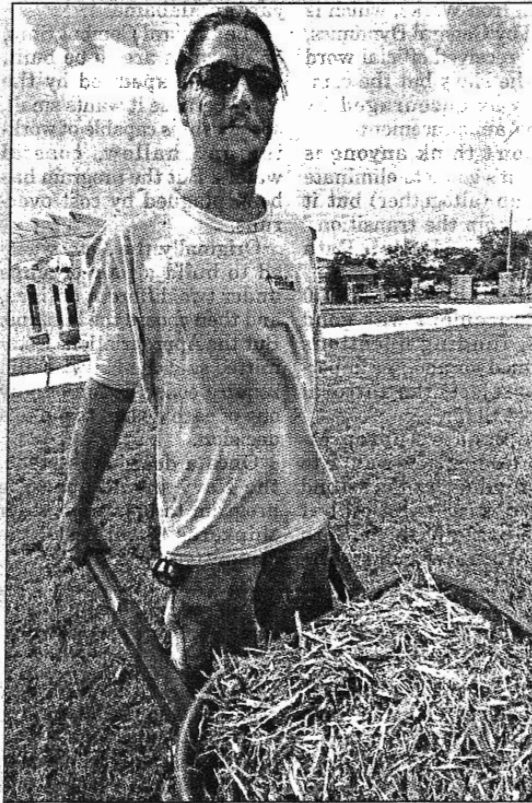
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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2007

## FACES OF THE COAST



Nicole LaCour Young/The Mississippi Press

### Brian Mercer

**B**rian Mercer loves working outside, even in the heat of summer. Mercer is a landscaper with Gulf Breeze Landscaping where he's worked for 10 years. Mercer said he enjoys his work because "you start with nothing and end up with something that looks good. We make ugly things look better." Mercer fell in love with plants when he was about 6 years old. His grandmother always had a garden and Mer-

cer helped her tend it. Mercer said she taught him about plants and he's been working with them ever since. Mercer is married to Teresa and they have one son, Stephen, who is 16 years old and a daughter, Juliana, who is 4. "Just when we almost had one out of school, we've got another going into school," he said. When he's not toiling away outside, Mercer loves to barbecue for his friends and family, using a special blend of his own spices.